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SUBJECT: Nicaraguan Official Says Guatemalan Charges Were True.

Guillermo (Chato) Lang is a Nicaraguan of German extraction who was on the proclaimed list during the war. Because of this, and his present shady business reputation (usually in handling German goods), he is forever currying favor with Embassy officers. He is now member of Congress, "purchasing agent" for the President's elder son, Luis Somoza, and he is generally regarded as the presidential "hatchet man."

He told the writer a few nights ago: "Of course we were trying to help Guatemalan revolutionary leaders. Not long ago we landed arms on the east coast in boxes marked "printing machinery" and addressed to the President's Managua newspaper, Novedades."

A Confidential American Source has been advised of this conversation.

A statement by the leader of the Conservative Party, General Emiliano Chamorro, that he was "certain" Somoza was involved in the plot was reported in Embassy's Secret Despatch No. 302 of February 8, 1954.

Embassy has often observed that secrets in Nicaragua seem to be pretty generally known.

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